

Please add the following new claims 17-18 as follows:

17. (New) The method of claim 1, in which the step of locating the mandrel and sleeve in fixed relation to the power line support structure comprises mounting the sleeved mandrel upon a pulley block, and affixing the pulley block to the power line support structure.

18. (New) The method of claim 6, further comprising, prior to urging the dielectric cable through the aperture in the mandrel, the steps of:

passing a pulling rope through the aperture in the mandrel once it has been mounted in fixed relation to the power line support structure,

attaching the pulling rope to the dielectric cable which is to be installed; and

drawing the pulling rope through the aperture in the mandrel which in turn causes the dielectric cable attached to the said pulling rope to be urged through the aperture in the mandrel.